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Broken

A passer-by takes note of some recent vandalism. Two stone benches in the Robbins Memorial Garden were broken last week. Damage is between \$300-\$500.

Local Committee Helps

By Cathy Walters

An extended Vietnamese family of seven members lives in Arlington after fleeing from South Vietnam last spring and suffering torture and hunger on their roundabout trip to the United States.

Tat Xay Xu, 36, and his wife, Nguyen Thi Hoa, 28, arrived in Arlington Jan. 3 from a temporary shelter in Jamaica Plain, Boston. Their household includes their 10-year-old son Que, and their daughters, eight-year-old Bang and six-year-old Ngoc. Xu's 24-year-old brother, Wong Hung, and his 18-year-old sister, Wong Kim Cuc, are staying with them.

"They are lucky," says Nguyen Thi To, a Vietnamese refugee who has been in the United States two months, an interpreter for the family. (See separate story.) She says there are two ways to leave South Vietnam — illegally or with the payment of gold. The family went illegally. They left their province of Mytho, South Vietnam, last April.

The oppression of this family from the communist government in power is the cause for the uprooting and the seven months traveling which took them, almost by chance, to the states.

In South Vietnam, To says, "human beings are deprived of all human rights and treated worse than cows and water buffalos because cows and water buffalos are more useful and necessary."

The family arrived to a two-bedroom, unfurnished house on Mystic Street, without the jewelry they hoped to use for money and without knowing one person in Arlington.

But they survived the trip.

The boat which took the Tat family and 225 refugees from South Vietnam first landed at Malaysia. They squatted on the boat for seven days, living without food for five of those days, says To, who is translating for Hoa, the mother.

The naval officer at Malaysia refused to let the refugees ashore. But he promised passage to the United States in return for their jewelry and gold. "We all tried to have some gold and watches to sell to use money later," Hoa says, "instead, the man snatched all the jewelry of the refugees."

The Malaysians then towed the boat from the coast of Malaysia toward Indonesia. In the middle of the trip, they cut the rope and left the refugees in the middle of the ocean.

The boat somehow reached the Indochinese islands, and for the next six months the family was shuffled to three refugee camps on different islands.

On the first island, Tulai, over 1000 refugees searched for their food from the woods of the uninhabited island and collected shellfish from the shore. Every two weeks, the Indonesian government brought rice. It was three months before the family was transferred to another island.

On the second island, Ku Ku, the translator says the food situation was a little better. "But they suffer another thing," she says as she listens to the mother talk solemnly for a few minutes. "They kick them, they bit them, and they used a stick like a policeman's stick for the times when the refugees moved too slowly or when they went outside at the wrong time," she says.

The guards were hired by the

Indonesian government. They presided over what is described as a prison by the family. August and September passed before the family was transferred to Gulang.

Gulang is the biggest refugee island in Indonesia. They waited there for a month. The waiting period meant all the refugees had to wait to see if some country would sponsor them for a final destination. Finally, the Tats were chosen to go to the United States.

The International Institute of Boston, which has a program for the resettlement of Indochinese, sponsored the Tats and this enabled them to move under the responsibility of an institution. When the Tats were to reach Boston, the Institute was to aid them in finding housing, food and clothing.

During another 36 days before reaching Boston, they touched down and stayed for days at Pinand, Indonesia; Singapore; Bangkok, Thailand, Hong Kong, China; Tokyo, Japan; and New York.

According to a coordinator of an ecumenical resettlement committee for a refugee family in Winchester, Sister Winifred Behlen, who has since become involved with the Tat family, many of the families have sponsors from the community. The Tats, she found, did not have any such community sponsor.

The Vietnamese family from Winchester has over 45 people working on eight committees providing transportation, furniture, clothing, food and other services on a regular basis. The committees of the five contributing churches publicized the needs of the Winchester family, raised money, and

Local Impact

T Asks For \$62 Million More

Tuesday's mail brought Town Manager Donald Marquis a supplemental budget request for the MBTA which would add \$800,000 to the \$1.9 million the town pays for the MBTA now.

The supplement requested is \$61,906,174 to bring the MBTA budget to a total of \$362 million. The increase would raise Arlington's assessment by 40 percent. Marquis, who is a member of the MBTA Advisory Board, and its new executive committee, says the board must react within 30 days or the funds are automatically in the budget.

The advisory board budgeted \$284 million in 1979. As the year ended Gov. Edward King approved an additional \$15 million to keep the agency going for the rest of the calendar year. Presumably, the member towns will pay for the extra funds on the Cherry Sheet.

As 1980 began, T chairman Robert Foster submitted a budget for the year which was approved of \$300 million, while saying that the agency needed \$362 million to get through the year.

Marquis had spoken to Selectmen this week about his concern that Foster was spending at the \$362 million level with only an appropriation of \$300 million.

Several things could happen now. The supplement could be approved, which Marquis says is not likely, or it could be rejected, forcing the MBTA management to cut spending or opening the way for the

Governor to step in again towards the end of the year.

Marquis says if the T continues to spend at the \$362 million level, and gets no more funds, it will have to cut back drastically by mid-year. The spending rate would have to be cut to about \$240 million around July 1 in order to end the year at \$300 million.

The effect of that kind of cutting would be to reduce the rate of spending by one-third or to run out of money in early October, according to the manager.

He says he is speaking out on the matter because he thinks people should know that there could be a major crisis in the fall and because he does not think this is the way to operate a public agency.

Marquis adds that he wants people to know that if the Governor were to give the T the additional \$62 million at communities' expense the assessment impact on Arlington's tax rate will be over \$2 in the same year when the Governor told cities and towns we have to live with a 4 percent tax cap.

Two years ago Arlington town officials worked six months to cut half a million dollars from town budgets. Last year the same effort was made to cut \$250,000 from budgets. At the same time inflation has been 13 percent a year, he says.

Assessments such as the MBTA's requested increase would force the town

to cut payroll drastically and reduce services.

Recently a payroll tax was proposed as a source of funds for the MBTA. Marquis says this is not the time to talk about new taxes for the MBTA.

"This is the time to be talking about how we can make the MBTA more efficient and eliminate the waste over there. I want to spend my time trying to determine how the MBTA can be operated more effectively and efficiently and how it can improve service."

The manager says he does not mind talking about a fare increase, and after all is done then additional sources of revenue could be looked at. "If we concentrate on another source of revenue now, everybody will lose sight of the problems with expenditures which are not under control," he concludes.

About Arlington People

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Vietnam: A Survivor Speaks

This is a brief description of Vietnam from a 48-year-old Vietnamese named Nguyen Thi To, who left the country two months ago and now lives in Arlington.

The name she uses is not her real name. The government in Vietnam, she feels, will punish the relatives of those who speak against the current government.

Miss To came to the area just two months ago. Thirty or 40 refugees each month come to Boston from Indochina, according to the International Institute of Boston.

A circumstance that sets Miss To apart from the others is her ability to speak English and her familiarity with Americans. She taught English to Americans in Vietnam during the war.

Miss To acts as translator for the Tat family in Arlington and for other families in Winchester, Lexington, Marlboro, Boston and Sudbury. The sponsors of the families and the doctors or people who meet the families are helped enormously by Miss To. With her help, they can get beyond the smiles and nods of the foreigners.

"I do my best to help the new arrivals to adapt themselves to the new life and to get along with local residents and to avoid any misunderstanding," Miss To says.

Her days at work with the families are 10 and 12 hours long. A disappointment for Miss To has been that she cannot find a job which would allow her to continue to aid the families. No one pays her for her social work and she remains on welfare.

Her applications for teacher or counselor have not brought any results.

"As soon as I came, I applied for jobs because it hurt my feelings to be on welfare," she says. "It's funny, I work so much, and I'm on welfare," she adds.

The following words describing Vietnam are those of Miss To:

"Nobody can understand our suffering. We suffered mentally and spiritually. Hunger and poverty mean nothing compared to mental suffering. We can get arrested and thrown in prison day or night.

"Human beings are deprived of all human rights and treated worse than cows and water buffalos because cows and water buffalos are more useful and necessary."

"Those who escape from South Vietnam are still considered opponents of the present government.

"One hundred thousand have been put through re-education camps, but they are not different from concentration camps where they were kept through the Second World War. Some re-education are not so bad.

"Even if you are not kept in re-education camp — if we stay in the home, we are closely watched by police. We are not allowed to listen to foreign radio. We cannot speak what's on our mind.

"Foreigners who come can never see or hear the truth because they have no chance to meet and talk with people. They never hear the truth because before they come the local residents are told when foreigners come people should dress up and not say anything to foreigners. If they do what they are not supposed to do there will be reprisals.

"There are no words to describe. It is so difficult to find a smiling face in Vietnam, even babies cannot smile.

"Rice is proper food. Each person needs 12 to 15 kilograms a month, but the government served 1 to 4 kilograms a month. They are no ways to make money to buy rice. There is no work. Even if we want to work, there is no work.

"I had the habit to wander from street to street. I saw skinny, skinny bodies. There is not much difference between the Nazi concentration camp.

"Myself, I was out of work for four years just because it is so difficult after release from a re-education camp. I was in a re-education for five months.

"I would not have been released if people did not talk so highly of me. I used all my money and time to help the people. I've been helping people all my life. They arrested me. They accused me of helping Americans.

"In 1975 the communists attacked and the South fell because the politicians and officials in the south were corrupt and also because we had no means to stand on our feet after the US withdrawal. We cannot blame Americans. You had a very difficult time. Such a long and terrible war.

"There is a Vietnam politician quoted in the New York Times who said that there was no bloodbath in South Vietnam as US predicted. He was one of Vietnamese politicians who tried to talk to the communists. He said the situation is not too bad so that the American people might wonder why the people want to leave. They say they (Vietnamese) want to seek higher standards, they want to become Americans. This is not the truth.

"I wish I could find some island where no one cares. We just need a place to live without being treated like animals.

"So many people here (Vietnamese) think of their own safety. Many do not tell truth for the safety of relatives in Vietnam. We feel there is a traitor among us here.

"In the re-education camps prisoners suffer horrible torture and punishment. When they are punished they are put in a pit for one or two weeks.

"When they come of the hole, they cannot walk, they cannot see. They are paralyzed because of the humility. They



Newcomers

Getting accustomed to their new home with some help from local friends are, bottom from the left, Que, Ngoc and Bang, with Sr. Winifred Behlen; and, in the rear, Tat Xay Xu, their father; volunteer Robert Moss; mother Nguyen Thi Hoa; and behind them, Xu's sister, and brother Wong Kim Cuc and Wong Hung.

★ Vietnam

(Continued From Page 1)

are not allowed to bring clothes with them. Prisoners were put in a conex (metal containers left by Americans).

"We are in a tropical climate. It is so hot during the day it is just like being put in an oven. Like an oven. The prisoner goes crazy. They lose their minds."

"I was kept in a cell twice as big as a sofa day and night. I could not see anybody. I could not talk to anybody. What I needed most was air, just air. There was just a small hole in the wall. Every day they opened the hole to put in a bowl of rice, a small amount of salad and a cup of water. That's not as terrible as the lack of air to breathe."

"In the summer, it was so cold because I had to lie on the ground. But it was not so horrible as when I was kept in a shack with rat. It was smelly, stuffy and hot. The roof and wall were made of metal and tin. I thought my head would break at any time. It didn't."

"Gran Ngoc Chav (a Vietnamese official) said the situation in re-education camps was not so. He said there was no bloodbath because they have drained the blood out of our body so there is no blood."

"I saw prisoners who killed themselves because they could not endure the re-education camps and their bodies were left on the ground because it was forbidden to pick them up."

VFW Post Plans
50th Anniversary

The Arlington Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1775 will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Feb. 23 with a banquet at the Arlington Catholic High School Gym. The banquet will start at 8 p.m. with a roast beef dinner and dancing till 1 a.m. Tickets are on sale at the VFW post, 600R Mass. ave.

6 Applicants File

Town Ownership Of Cable TV Is Raised

The six companies competing for the town's first cable TV license filed their amended applications with the Selectmen on Monday. However, shortly before the board formally accepted the applications, the issue of whether the town should hold the license itself was raised.

The applications were filed by Warner Cable Corp., New York City; Adams-Russell Telecommunications, Waltham; Arlington Cable TV, 661 Mass. ave.; Continental Cablevision of Massachusetts Inc., Boston; Arlington Cablesystems Corp., Boston; Menotomy Cable Corp., 41 Jason st.

Under the present cable timetable, Selectmen must hold a public hearing on the cable license, then receive an evaluation from the advisory committee before deciding which, if any, company would receive the license. The process must be completed within 18 months, which would be August.

The question of whether the town should hold the license itself in order to gain additional revenues was raised by Town Treasurer John Bilafer who was discussing warrant articles he had filed for Town Meeting with the board.

One of his articles would amend the by-laws which allow the town to establish a cable TV system by deleting the by-law "since the Board of Selectmen has determined (by Town Meeting time) through its CATV Advisory Committee that it is not feasible financially or otherwise" for the town to establish and maintain a cable system.

Town Counsel John Maher had intended to remove that phrasing from the article, but it ended up in the article. Maher said he thinks the wording is improper.

Bilafer acknowledged that his activity was belated. He said he was prompted to file because of the recent Advocate story which quoted CATV Advisory Committee chairman Philip McCarthy as saying that the early 1970's advisory committee had recommended against it and the

matter had not been restudied.

Reasons why a community would not want to run cable TV were recently stated by Winchester's cable advisory committee and cited by McCarthy. They include uncertainty of profits, length of time to recover initial investment, high initial capital outlay, lack of expertise and town meeting structure which makes it impossible to have rapid response to capitalization needs.

After the meeting Monday night, which McCarthy did not attend, he pointed out that his advisory committee, which was established in late February, was not charged with investigating whether the town should get a license itself. The committee was charged with reviewing the applicants.

The cable process started in November, 1978, when Menotomy filed the first application and Selectmen, after a hearing, determined that there was enough interest to open up the application process.

McCarthy questions how an advisory committee could objectively evaluate applications if the town itself were one of the applicants.

One approach to how a town could get financial benefit from a cable license might be found in Senate bill 472 which Sen. Sam Rotondi filed at the request of Winchester Selectman Wade Welch. That bill, if passed, would allow a community to invest in a cable system.

Bilafer, who was one of two Selectmen who filed the article for the by-law to allow a cable system in Arlington 15 years ago, said he was not convinced then and is not convinced now that the town should not have investigated town participation.

Bilafer said he knew that the ap-

Mini Bonds Go
On Sale Today

The town's first offering of tax exempt low denomination bonds to residents goes on sale today.

From 8:30 to 5 today and tomorrow the Town Treasurer's office at Town Hall will be selling the bonds. If the \$345,000 issue which is part of the \$16 million high school issue is not sold by Friday afternoon, the office will be open on Saturday from 8:30 to noon.

The bonds will be offered at \$500 for from one to five years at an interest rate of 6.60 percent.

Town Treasurer John Bilafer cautions residents that during the sale it may be necessary at certain times to close off sale of one year so that the years stay even in case the entire offering is not sold out.

Details on the groundrules appeared on Page 1 in last week's Advocate. Potential buyers are reminded that they must appear in person and pay with certified or bank check or cash. Today and tomorrow total purchase will be limited to \$10,000. Orders may be cancelled in writing to Bilafer's office by Tuesday at 5 p.m.

study. He said a private, independent authority could run the operation.

He agreed that there were problems with the town becoming an applicant, but he said they were not his business.

Havern said that he resisted expansion of the governmental structure. Selectman Robert Walsh later said he did not support the idea, adding he did not know of anything private industry could not do better than government.

Bilafer reminded the board that it took Town Meeting three nights of discussion to agree to a development plan for the Associates Block, which should have been done in the "blink of an eye-lash." "That's the attitude that I don't think can prevail any longer," he said.

Bilafer continued that when all officials run they all say the tax base must be expanded. He said that he said it in 1964. Taxpayers cannot be given that rhetoric any more, he said.

Havern noted that such a plan could stand in the way of private investment in Arlington. He joked about people thinking that Arlington will "nationalize" and take over projects.

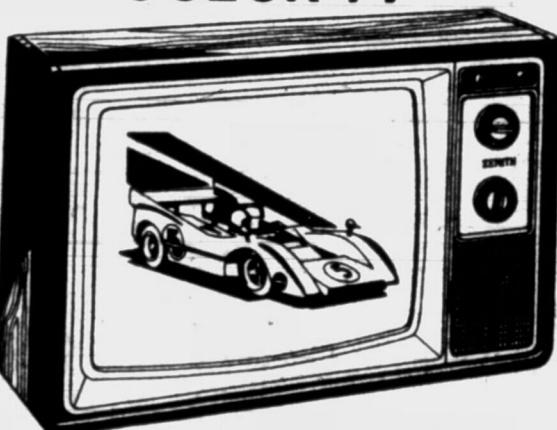
When Grannan asked Bilafer if he thought Selectmen should delay awarding the cable license to one of the applicants, Bilafer said that he did not say that. He said he did not think the board had given town ownership enough thought.

When pressed by Grannan for a position, Bilafer said he did not think the applicants should be required to wait until Town Meeting. He asked if a feasibility study could go on at the same time as the license review.

Grannan asked if that weren't a conflict of interest for the town to do a feasibility study and use that information to turn down six applicants. "Doesn't that offend you?" he asked.

Bilafer said his intention was not to, deliberately hurt any of the applicants. His interest is to bring something up that was in the by-laws for 15 years and got a negative response.

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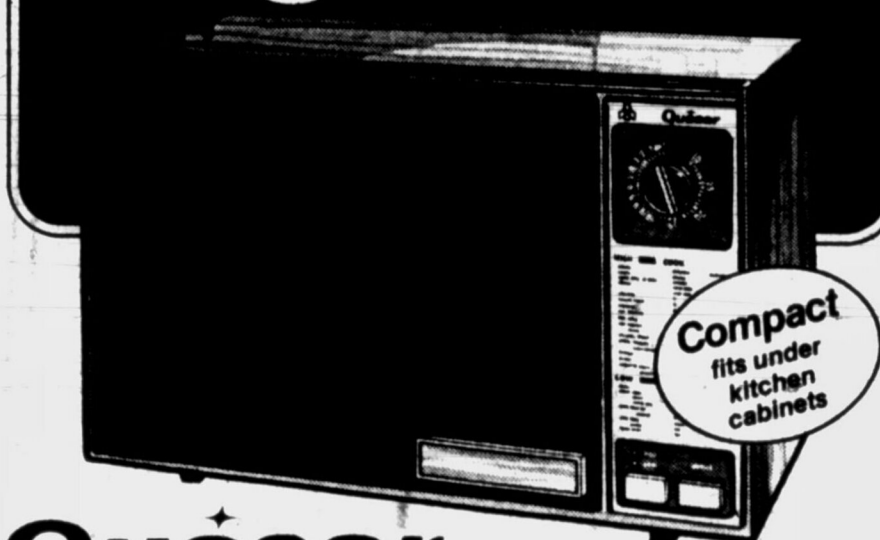
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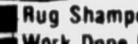
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Tuesday Is Deadline For Registration

Tuesday at 10 p.m. is the final time for residents to register to vote in the Presidential Primary on March 4. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. until that hour for the benefit of those who wish to register.

The Town Clerk's office will also be open from noon until 8 p.m. on Saturday for registration purposes. The office is also open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A total of 46 persons registered during three night sessions. The number who registered last week were nine and 17, while 20 more registered on Monday night.

Manager's Hours Are Monday A.M.

Town Manager Donald Marquis invites residents to come to his Town Hall office any Monday from 9 to 12 to talk over concerns with him. The manager is discontinuing the alternate Monday hours at Fox and Dallin Libraries because so few people have stopped in to see him.

St. Agnes Sets Registration From Feb. 11-15

During the week of Feb. 11 to 15 registration will be held at St. Agnes School for the September school year.

Registration will be held on Feb. 11, 12, 14 and 15. Kindergarten and grade 1 can register from 10 to 11:30 and 1:30 to 2:30. All other grades will be registered between 2:30 and 3:30.

Registration will be held at the school office. Certificates of birth and baptism and reports of progress for grades 2-8 should be brought. A parent should accompany a child.

Drive Continues

\$2,080 Comes In For Dohertys

Several hundred residents contributed \$2,080.80 to the Doherty Rebuilding Fund which was announced in last week's Advocate.

The fund is raising money for the William Doherty family on Sunset road. Mr. Doherty, a 30-year town employee, is confined to Symmes Hospital unaware that his uninsured home sustained \$30,000 in damage in a New Year's Eve fire.

A committee of town employees, friends and town officials has started the fundraising which will include a Sons of Italy bingo on Tuesday and solicitation of local businessmen.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to the Doherty Rebuilding Fund, Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank, 626 Mass. ave., attention Bill Joyce.

Contributions have been received since last Thursday from the following: Frank J. Bowes, Menotomy Craftsmen Inc., Yasushi and Ann Nozawa, John and Frances Kotelly, Martha Nagy, Albert and Helen Spina, William and Mary Billings, Joseph and Olivette Lemieux, John and Mary McNamara, Catherine Harrigan, Margaret Gearin, Helen Lynch;

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Cutter Reuse

The Cutter School Reuse Advisory Committee invites neighbors and parents to a meeting Tuesday at the school at 7:30 p.m. Residents will have an opportunity to give their views on use of the school and the grounds.

Arts, Family To Be Theme Of Spring Fair

The 1980 Annual Spring Fair sponsored by Arlington Alive, Arlington's council on the arts and humanities, will have "Arts in the Family" as its theme.

Arlington organizations, churches and schools and individuals will hold displays, demonstrations, stage events and participation activities for Arlington families. The many ways the arts affect, enrich and enliven the lives of every family member will be highlighted by each contribution.

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Comment

A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection.

The Arlington Advocate, Thursday, January 31, 1980

Collins' Corner by Leonard Collins

Sports Memories



The peaceful world of sports goes along nicely for many years and then someone "beats the gun" and it creates a ton of publicity. The hockey fans they are up to their chins in the latest controversy, when so many Bruins players are being fined and suspended. All sports have had their moments and the writer remembers rather unusual calls and situations.

In the Olympics in 1936 Hitler became so incensed at Jesse Owens winning four gold medals he left the stadium and turned over the awarding to a lesser light. And now with the situation in an uproar regarding the games in Moscow it brings to memory some Arlington athletes who took part in those games over the years.

Justin McCarthy, captain of the Arlington High School hockey team, Mass. Aggies, and the BAA, was captain of the first American hockey team to play in the 1924 games in France. The U.S. finished second to Canada, and it might be mentioned that all the Canadian players entered into the professional ranks. In 1934 two Arlington athletes, Johnny Lax and Paul Rowe, played in Europe on our U.S. team, and then we all remember not many years ago that Tina Noyes represented us in figure skating in the Olympics.

Recently in Arlington we read of the deaths of three doctors, Gordon Saunders, Edna Easter, retired, and William McCarty former chief of staff at the Symmes Hospital.

It seems that the Arlington High School Cross Country Team won the New England championship title at Worcester in 1915 and were then sent to Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., for what was known as the Nationals, and the high school runners took the top trophy. They were really given a great reception by thousands of Arlingtontians. For most of us who had never been much further than Boston, a ride in a Pullman train was something hard to describe.

Dr. William McCarty, his wife, and two-year-old son made the trip. Doc was a graduate of Cornell and was very happy to bring his team to his alma mater. The first night on the train the "Doc" asked the writer if he would "mind" his young son, which of course happened.

Now we jump ahead 22 years and the writer had just finished umpiring a Harvard-Yale baseball game and this young fellow in cap and gown ran up to him, and it was the same kiddoe he "minded" on the train going to Ithaca years back. And so sadly today we read of the passing of that young fellow, Dr. William McCarty.

To his family this writer extends his sympathy. The doctor, by the way, was one of the best high school and college 100-yard sprinters until he injured one of his feet. Doctor "Bill's" dad was connected with sports in Arlington schools for nearly 50 years and on retirement was given a great reception in the Town Hall. Many of his "kids" returned. He never skated but he coached the high school team many times by running along the shore, and they were all very fine teams.

Ask The Ombudsman

A forum to discuss questions of citizen interest received by town officials or the Community Ombudsman. Refer your questions to Don Cohen, Ombudsman, at 646-1775.

Q. My neighbor always parks at the end of their driveway, blocking the sidewalk. Is that legal?

A. No, blocking the sidewalk is against the law and you might mention that fact to your neighbor. If the problem persists you can call the police and they will look into it.

Q. Why have all those parking meters been removed? Doesn't the town need the money?

A. Arlington does need all the revenue it can get, but the parking meter program cost more to run than it earned in nickels, dimes, and quarters. Discontinuing the program saves the town \$15,000 a year. Arlington residents seem generally pleased with the removal of meters: drivers no longer have to feed them and merchants find that their customers have no more trouble finding places to park than they did before.

Q. Do I have to have my Social Security number on my driver's license?

A. No. When you apply for a license you can request that an alternate number be used.

Opinion

Olympic Boycott

It doesn't seem to be overly complicated to us. If it weren't an election year and Ted Kennedy's campaign weren't on the verge of self-destruction, there would be little discussion about what road to take in international politics.

How we got into the situation is another matter. Certainly President Jimmy Carter's handling of foreign affairs over the past three years has been abysmal. But what to do now is clear.

The Moscow Olympic boycott, for one thing, is the only way the United States and other countries can demonstrate to the Russian people that the policies of their government are unacceptable to the world community.

The United States cannot ignore a situation where the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan with over 80,000 troops, shoots the president, installs a dictator, and makes rubles the country's official currency.

The Olympic boycott will go a long way toward getting the message across. To participate in the Moscow games as if nothing had happened is unthinkable.

Those who would argue that politics should have no part in the Olympics should hold their tongues until the International Olympic Committee (IOC) stops refusing to recognize the Republic of China - Taiwan.

Since the 1976 Montreal Olympics the 19 million Chinese on Taiwan, who since World War Two have competed as the Republic of China, have been barred from the Olympics until they adopt (a) a new name; (b) a new flag; (c) a new national anthem.

As long as the IOC continues to deny the Republic of China the opportunity to compete because the Peoples Republic of China - mainland China - objects to their name, flag and national anthem, no Olympic official has any right to pretend that politics is not involved in the Olympic games.

On Monday, in his special "major speech," Ted Kennedy downplayed the Afghanistan situation. He ignored the Olympic boycott issue, not agreeing, not disagreeing with President Carter. He was silent on the issue.

On Tuesday, when the Senate began its roll call on the Olympic boycott resolution, Ted Kennedy walked out, despite his recent rhetoric on leadership. When the time came to stand up and be counted, he wasn't there.

Perhaps, as he has demonstrated in the past, he needs a little more time than the average person to make up his mind when it comes to the issue of right and wrong.

The Senate vote was 88 to 4 in favor of the boycott, with eight not voting.

How all this relates to Kennedy's campaign for the nomination is one thing. Yet another is the fact that he's our senator and we have a right to expect him to fulfill his duty to us in the Senate, not to walk away before his name is called.

But this time we'll just have to look to our other Senator to represent us. And what did he do? Paul Tsongas voted on Tuesday. He deserves credit for having more guts than Kennedy, but, unfortunately, no more understanding of the issue.

Sen. Tsongas was one of the four, and the only democrat, to vote against the Olympic boycott.

It makes one really wonder - how did the people of Massachusetts ever elect two turkeys from the same state?

Man About Town

Former Selectman George Rugg died Monday at age 71. George was elected in an exciting 1973 campaign after he and Peg Spengler were both ruled off the ballot by a court because they had been members of the Finance Committee at the time they took out papers for Selectman. They waged a rousing sticker campaign and went on to get court vindication and seating on the board. George served many years on the Finance Committee and in Town Meeting. His services to the town will be missed. As she did at the funeral of former Selectman Arthur Saul, Mrs. Spengler will take part in the memorial service which will be held Saturday afternoon.

On the 1980 election front it is quiet. Town Clerk Christine Callahan reports that some voters are changing their party designations for the presidential primary so that they can make sure they get the right ballot. The Advocate will again give candidates for local offices three press releases. Candidates for the state committee will get an announcement and a release of 150 words.

The Town Clerk reminds candidates and campaign treasurers from previous elections that they were supposed to file reports before Jan. 10 if additional funds were received or spent, or liabilities incurred, as of after the 21st day following the election. This information must be filed at the clerk's office under Ch. 55 of the General Laws. If a campaign committee dissolves, it must file a statement of dissolution detailing the intended or actual disposition of funds.

Gov. Edward King has released his new \$5.9 billion budget. According to the Governor's budget message this includes \$800 million for outstanding debts, pensions and insurance and \$40 million in increased energy costs. The state is making some efforts to save money and increase revenues by increasing state fees for services and licenses, by raising the interest penalty on delinquent taxes and by raising state college tuitions to 25 percent of the cost of education.

Town Manager Donald Marquis had a look at the budget and says it seems clear that there will be no new money for local aid to communities. Even if the aid holds, because of inflation the real dollar amount will be less. The manager says he did not see funds in the budget for raises for state employees and he is wondering where that money will come from.

The federal budget which is out presents the same kind of problem. General revenue sharing and Community Development Block Grant funds, which amounted to \$1.1 and \$1.2 million respectively, have been frozen so that the town will get less in real dollars because of inflation. General revenue sharing has always been used to offset the tax rate.

Marquis fears that as inflation and energy costs go up, and communities are expected to continue to provide services and raises for their employees and not increase property taxes, they will be adversely affected by the state and federal governments. Adds the manager, when you add the MBTA situation to that, it is adding insult to injury.

Firefighters made a pitch to Selectmen last week to get \$100,000 back in their budget. They maintain that they cannot provide the service the town needs without adequate manpower. Despite a recent statement in the paper that no apparatus had been put out of service, it turns out that was not the case. In discussing manpower, Director Warren French said pieces were out of service when the overtime budget ran out. This can happen again during the week days, but division policy now requires additional hiring to cover the night shifts adequately.

Effective tomorrow the MBTA is raising the parking fee at its parking lot in the Heights from 50 cents to \$1. Another change relating to parking is explained in a news story this week - it is the new computer machine in the municipal lot which will print out timed cards.

The Chamber of Commerce is making an attempt to get businessmen interested in plans to redesign the intersections at Mass. and Lake, Mass. and Mystic and Pleasant, Mass. and Park and Chestnut and Mystic. Suggested alternatives were discussed in last week's paper after they were presented at a meeting for residents. Since few businessmen have shown interest in the plans a special session will be held for them on Wednesday in the Town Hall.

Residents who read the article about the Jaycees last week who would like more information may contact Jean Hudson at 646-7725 evenings or write the Jaycees at P.O. Box 186.

Guest Column

By Harold H. Seward

A Boston Herald American editorial of last year claimed that one cannot generalize about the performance of military leaders who become president. It also observed that many pundits question "whether military men have the talent and temperament necessary for capable performance in high political office."

History, however, refutes both of these assertions when the presidents are rated in their most important policy area - their policy towards war. That is, did a president succeed in avoiding the start of war or in ending a war which he had inherited?

We have had 13 men as president who reached the ranks of generals or colonels. (For the record, they are nos. 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, and 33.) Not one of these former military leaders, from Washington to Eisenhower, ever committed U.S. troop units to start a war or failed to end a war inherited from his predecessor.

As for those critical pundits, their own membership is more typical of that category of men who have historically had the very worst performance on presidential war policy. That category consists of the eight past presidents who were both college graduates and Democrats, but had not been in the ranks of generals and colonels. In every one of these eight presidencies, each man either entered our troop units into a new war or failed to end an inherited war.

The first such war president, Jefferson, put us into a declared war with Tripoli, even without action by Congress as required in the Constitution.

His friend and successor, Madison, in trying too hard to avoid war with France, caused us to battle England in the War of 1812.

President Polk intentionally sent our troop units close enough to draw the fire of Mexican troops, thereby starting the Mexican War.

President Buchanan shipped our troops to Fort Sumter in South Carolina where they retreated when hit by artillery fire, the first shots of the Civil War.

Wilson, after being re-elected on the slogan, "He kept us out of war," went on to get us into World War I. He also bombed, invaded, and occupied Vera Cruz, Mexico, in a separate spat.

FDR committed our navy to "search and destroy" German U-boats. After losing over a hundred men to the Nazis in the Atlantic, FDR was unsuccessful in getting either Congress or Hitler to declare war. But by patiently holding his hand on the valve to Japan's oil supply, he did cause Japan to attack our fleet at Pearl Harbor.

Although FDR's Congress remained reluctant to declare war on Germany, Hitler finally declared war on the U.S. several days later.

JFK, who developed the elitist "green beret" forces, first committed U.S. troop units to combat in Vietnam when he ordered them to search for and shoot at the ambushing Vietcong units.

LBJ, who inherited JFK's unfinished war, increased JFK's 20,000 troops to over 500,000 before quitting the quagmire.

In fact, the only Democrat college graduate to avoid war was Franklin Pierce. (He was also an ex-general.)

Which brings us to the present term of Jimmy Carter. He is the ninth president to be a Democrat college graduate without high military rank. Will he buck the 8-to-0 odds and be the only one of his category to avoid war? Perhaps he should quickly issue a commission to "General Jimmy Carter," thereby giving us those 13-to-0 odds of the military presidents against another war.

What was that saying that went like, "Those who fail to remember history are doomed to repeat it?"

To The Editor

Letters

Deadline for Letters to the Editor is 4 p.m. Monday. Letters on any subject of interest to Arlington residents by present and former residents are welcome. They should be typed and not exceed 250 words. Letters must be signed with name and address. The name may be withheld if requested.

Fundraising

TO THE EDITOR:

We read and were deeply moved by the articles in last week's Advocate about the plight of the Doherty family so we would like to become part of and help such a worthy cause.

Therefore, we plan to donate the entire net profits of our next Tuesday's (Feb. 5) bingo game to the Dohertys. We hope and expect that this will be a sizable donation, but I'm sure they still have a long way to go.

This must be a community effort, so they'll need your cooperation too. Please join us in making life a little more tolerable for a fellow man. The more who come, the larger the contribution will be.

Thank you,
Peter Galluzzo
Venerable
Sons of Italy Lodge 1349

Voter Information

TO THE EDITOR:

Any citizen of the town, 18 years of age or older or 18 by the date of the next election, may register to vote in the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additional sessions will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, from noon until 8 p.m., and Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. Feb. 5 is the last day for registration for the Presidential Primary to be held March 4, 1980. It is the last day to change, cancel or enroll in a political party for the Presidential Primary.

If you are a registered voter you may obtain an absentee ballot if unable to vote at the polls on election day because of absence from the town during the hours the polls are open, for physical disability or religious beliefs.

If you are physically disabled and cannot go out to register, contact the Town Clerk's Office and arrangements will be made for two registrars to come to your residence, rest home or hospital and register you.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a certificate of permanent disability, signed by your physician, with the Town Clerk. Your name will be placed on a list of permanently disabled voters and it will not be necessary to certify your disability each time.

However, a request for a ballot must be made before each election. The ballot will not have to be notarized. Your signature is all that is required. Sign the envelope and mail it to the Town Clerk. Instructions are printed on the ballot envelope. All absentee ballots, except permanently physically disabled, must be notarized.

If you enroll in a political party when you register, you will be given the ballot of that party when you vote in a primary. If you are not enrolled in a political party, you may still vote in a primary but

must ask for the ballot of your choice and this automatically enrolls you in that party.

If you wish to remain unenrolled after voting (in the primary) you may do so by filling out a card which is available at the polls and return it to the Town Clerk's Office. The same may be accomplished by written request or a visit to the office during regular business hours.

If you have no address outside the town from which the ballot may be returned by 8 p.m. on the day of the election, arrangements may be made with the Town Clerk to fill out an absentee ballot application and after certification of same, vote "at the counter" in the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots may never be hand delivered - all ballots, other than counter ballots, must be mailed to and from the voter.

Absentee ballots must be witnessed and signed by an official authorized by law to administer oaths such as a Notary Public; a registrar or assistant registrar at a college or university for a student enrolled there; a commissioned or warrant officer or non-commissioned officer not below the rank of sergeant or petty officer in the U.S. Military service for persons in the U.S. Federal Service or the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk for those who are counter voting. Candidates for office may not notarize absentee ballots.

If you are not registered please do so and vote in the presidential primary, March 4, 1980. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact the Registrars Office or the Town Clerk's Office.

Christine M. Callahan, CMC
Town Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of Registrars

Thank Rescue

TO THE EDITOR:
On Jan. 10, I had an accident in my home that required the services of the Arlington Rescue Squad. Within a very short time they were at my home trying to make me comfortable, calm me down, and reassure my daughter that everything was going to be all right. They told me step by step what they were going to have to do and continued to do so all the way to the hospital.

We in Arlington are most fortunate having men like Lt. Edward Gilbert, James Sullivan, and Robert Carter. I could never begin to praise or thank them enough. They are very capable, experienced and caring men. I don't know what I'd have done without them.

My thanks again,
Mrs. Nancy King
43 Walnut St.

Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:
To friends and patients of Dr. Gordon A. Saunders, may I extend my sincere thanks for all the kindness and sympathy offered.

He had given of himself with dedication to his medicine and patients foremost.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gordon A. Saunders

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Dog Complaint

TO THE EDITOR:
The time has come to bring Arlington's dogs under control. The leash law has proven ineffective, and dog owners are well aware of the working hours of the dog officer. Consequently, dogs roam freely in parks and private property. They break into trash and defecate everywhere (except, presumably in their owners' yards).

The problem in the parks is particularly galling. Neighborhood children simply refuse to play in the park because it is a minefield. This condition is unhealthy and represents an appalling misuse of our limited open space. It is common practice for dogowners to walk or even drive their pets to the parks for the sole purpose of fouling public property.

Let us act promptly to return the parks to the townspeople so that they can enjoy the parks. Our neighbors in Belmont have banned dogs from the parks, and that town's parks are far more attractive than Arlington's. The town meeting should adopt an ordinance to ban dogs from parks and improve enforcement of the leash law. The public-banned attitude of some dog owners necessitates strong controls with penalties harsh enough to ensure compliance.

Very truly yours,
A Concerned Arlington Resident
Nancy Cimeno

EDITOR'S NOTE: Town Meeting members need to get the message from their constituents. Articles to increase dog fines have received more debate at Town Meeting than million dollar budgets. There is time for a warrant article to be prepared for the May Special Town Meeting.

Rebuilding Drive

TO THE EDITOR:
Looking over the charred ruins on Sunset road, I remember warmly the Doherty family who lived there. I could almost hear Mrs. Doherty calling from

her doorway, "Bill! Danny!, come in for dinner."

I've known Mrs. Doherty all my life. Her boys and I grew up together. In Arlington Heights at that time there were such places as Kenny's Field, Bruno's, "the old goat lady," and Chummy's. Today these places no longer exist, and the Doherty home is a burned-out shell.

Mrs. Doherty was a special person to me and gifted in many ways. Whenever I had a question or problem, I could go to her, and she would always put me at ease. Now she has a problem, and I would like to do all I can to help her and her husband get back into their home.

Mr. Doherty has been hospitalized since November for a severe disc problem. The doctors will not permit Mrs. Doherty to tell him about the New Year's Eve fire as his heart may not be able to withstand the shock. Mr. Doherty believes he will be going home after the operation.

A fund has been set up at the Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank, 626 Massachusetts ave., establishing a "Doherty Rebuilding Fund." Contributions may be made payable to that fund and sent to the bank, "attention Mr. Bill Joyce." All contributions are tax deductible, and unlike some appeals, every cent received will be used to restore the Doherty's home at 6 Sunset rd.

I am sending my contribution today and hope you will consider doing the same. Any amount you could send to help will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,
Michael J. O'Hara

Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:
I wish to thank the Fire and Police emergency departments for responding so fast to my emergency call, also for their kindness to me and my family on new year's night when my husband passed away.

I will never forget how wonderful they were to me, also the doctor and the nurse on duty at the Symmes Hospital. They really showed they really care for the person and family they help in a time of emergency.

To The Editor

I also wish to thank the Armstrong Ambulance Service. They have wonderful kind young men working for them who helped me greatly, taking my husband to the Deaconess Hospital emergency many times during the past year.

The follow up service of the Arlex Cab service arranged by James Sullivan, a very pleasant and helpful man at Minuteman Home Care, also the taxi drivers who gently helped in getting my husband in and out of the cab and their cheerful conversation help to make your visit to the Deaconess doctors easier and more pleasant for you.

Also thanks to the wonderful caring and very efficient nurses and nurses' aides who helped me care for my husband when he returned home.

I think Arlington has the best emergency and follow up system in Massachusetts and I will always remember them and be grateful. They certainly proved to me that many people do really care about the sick and elderly.

Arlington should be very proud of all these kind and generous people who we can depend on. Their system could and should be used in other towns and cities. Thank you all.

Mrs. Phyllis W. Lee

National Economy

TO THE EDITOR:
The enclosed Notable and Quotable was in The Wall Street Journal and because I think all Americans should know what is going on in Washington, D.C., I thought I would share it with my fellow Arlingtonians in a letter to the editor:

"Richard L. Leshner, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in a commentary distributed by his organization:

"Almost everyone in America agrees that inflation is our single greatest domestic problem; too few understand the federal government promotes inflation because it profits from it.

"The federal government understands perfectly well the impact of its policies. That is why Congress and the White House granted themselves generous pay increases while lecturing us on the virtue of sacrifice.

"That is why Congress so neatly exempted itself from regulations it insists everyone else must obey. And that is why you must pay the huge Social Security tax increases but federal employees do not, even though a majority of them qualify (through spouse benefits, moonlighting or second careers) for Social Security benefits. What a beautiful game. They never lose.

"And here's the knockout punch!: Even as government's deficit spending fuels the inflation that destroys the fixed values of private pensions, government officials are protecting themselves at your expense. They are committing your tax dollars to index their own pensions to the rate of inflation.

"And since federal workers can retire earlier, inflation and time could compound these benefits beyond belief. Twenty years from now, retired federal clerks could be receiving annual incomes of \$100,000. Potential commitments like these represent an economic time bomb just waiting to explode."

Sincerely,
George H. Mudarri

Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:
The residents of the Jefferson Rest Home Home, 149 Hillside ave., wish to thank nurses' aide Julie Arlene Palaima for the birthday party she gave everybody at the rest home.

Especially honored was 8 Anna Sublowskas, of Lithuanian descent, who recently turned 97 years old. She was presented with an extra personal mini-cake and gift of beads.

Everybody enjoyed the refreshments, cards and recorded polka music. Thank you, Julie.

The residents and staff

Park Ave. Complaint

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to the Board of Selectmen last Sept. 10. The writer subsequently received a letter from the board dated Sept. 19 advising him that the matter had

been referred to the Town Manager and he would be hearing from the manager. He says he has heard no further.

I was disappointed to receive your letter of Aug. 23, 1979, stating that your board had decided not to reconsider the feasibility of re-implementing the "no parking here to corner" regulation on the westerly side of Park avenue from my property line to Appleton street.

On June 6, 1979, the board voted to approve my "no parking here to corner" request for a 60-day period terminating on Aug. 5, 1979. The police got around to erecting the sign approximately 10 days after the vote of the board.

I observed that the sign had been set up in front of 133 Park ave. I called the error to the attention of the Police Department, who then moved the sign in front of my property. I noticed on the morning of Aug. 1 that the sign had been removed. The sign was not in position for the required 60-day period. The Police Department records will confirm this.

As I pointed out in my letter of May 16, I am told that a town building inspector had never made an inspection of the meeting house room in the cellar of 147 Park ave., but as a result of a plan submitted by the church, the Inspector of Buildings refused to allow the existing single dwelling to be used as a place of public assembly.

A Building Board of Appeals hearing was scheduled for Feb. 22, 1977 at 8 o'clock. In anticipation of the appeal meeting I circulated a petition opposing the waiving of or modification of the building code regulations to permit the single dwelling at 147 Park ave. to be used as a church for public worship.

I delivered this petition in person to the Inspector of Buildings. I enclosed in my letter of May 16 a photostat of the signatures on the petition together with other correspondence to the town relating to the same subject.

The hearing was not held because the town board did not have a quorum present. As far as I have been able to ascertain no other hearings have since been held, or any building permits issued to this church since the 1977 scheduled meeting.

I have been informed that there has been no further liberalization of the state building safety codes. If this is the correct status of the situation, it would appear that the church continues to operate in violation of the safety building codes.

I just do not understand why action

has not been taken since February of 1977 to prohibit the church from holding public meetings if they are operating in violation of the fire and safety laws. I believe they hold three scheduled public gatherings a week.

I had hoped that a member of the board would be interested in pursuing this aspect of the situation when I made reference to it in the application for restriction of parking in front of my house.

The point at issue here is not whether one approves or objects to public meetings being held in the cellar of the residence at 147 Park ave., but rather is the safety of the public being protected?

Reference to the signatures on the petition which I sent you with my original parking request letter, will demonstrate beyond a reasonable doubt that all the abutters and neighbors object to the residence at 147 Park ave. being used as a place of public assembly.

The parking nuisance is but a by product of the existence of a meeting house at 147 Park ave. If the operation were discontinued, the parking problem would be eliminated.

Now that the board has returned to full strength it would be helpful to review my letter of March 16, 1979, so that all members will have a clear understanding of the whole picture.

I would appreciate it if the board would take action to ascertain, if the operation next door at 147 Park ave. is in exact conformity with current state safety and fire building laws.

Yours very truly,
Harold G. Howell

Bulletin Board

Conservation Commission, Jan. 31, 7:45 p.m., Planning Board Hearing Room, Town Hall Annex.

Assessors, Feb. 4, 7 p.m., Town Hall Selectmen, Feb. 4, 7:15 p.m., Town Hall.

Redevelopment Board, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., Planning Board Hearing Room, Town Hall Annex.

Minuteman Tech School Committee, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Fair Housing Committee, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m., Planning Board Hearing Room, Town Hall Annex.

Retirement Board, Feb. 6, 5 p.m., third floor, Robbins House.

Council on Aging, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m., Jarvis House, Pleasant street.

Community Development Block Grant Hearing, Feb. 4, 8 p.m., Town Hall auditorium.

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About Arlington People

Apologies to Kevin Roberto who recently was placed in the wrong school and the wrong state in this column. The correct information is as follows:

Kevin Roberto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo N. Roberto of 53 Exeter st., is getting his start in broadcasting with his own morning radio show at the Salem College (Salem, W. Va.) radio station. Kevin majors in radio broadcasting and acting. He had the lead in the Pulitzer Prize winning play "The Shadow Box," and was the tin man in the "Wizard of Oz."

Crosby Principal Joan Flanagan will appear on "Up Front" on Channel 7 on Saturday at 2 p.m. The show about careers in education was taped last week.

Jay Sullivan, a 1977 graduate of Arlington Catholic High School, recently got a varsity letter for participation on the Holy Cross field hockey team. At ACHS she played hockey as well as basketball, softball and track.

Holy Cross had a 12-4-1 season, with Jay scoring one goal. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Sullivan of 33 Hathaway circ., she is an English-sociology major.

Artist Susan Whittle will demonstrate silk screen printing at the Parker Junior High School Art Show in Reading on Feb. 6 from 12:30 to 2:30. The school will kick-off a month of art activities with an exhibit by students and professionals.

Mrs. Antonio Boschetti and Mrs. David Fulmer of Crosby street are members of the Bartlett School Development Fund Board which supports the school with a variety of activities. Coming up for parents is a dessert fashion show on March 12. Recent student activities included a Symphony Hall youth concert, a theater performance, floor hockey and sewing classes.

When Shipstads and Johnson Ice Follies comes to Boston Feb. 12 the troupe will include Sheila Corcoran, 20, who lived in Arlington. She began skating at age 11 and lived with a family here when her partner was accepted at Harvard. She attended Matignon and joined the Skating Club of Boston. Then she attended Emerson College. Sheila and her partner skated for the U.S. Skating Team.

The Lexington Arts and Crafts Society is presenting Clay 5, the Ceramics Guild members' exhibit of stoneware, porcelain and raku-ware from Feb. 2 to 23 in the gallery at 130 Waltham st., Lexington. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11-4. Exhibitors include Helen Homer, Mickey Szafarz and Karl Zimmerman.

Tim O'Connor is a member of the varsity hockey team at Kent School. Kent will play the Harvard JVs at Bright Arena at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Connor of 14 Beverly rd.

Freya Oberle is a member of the Grammy Award winning New England Ragtime Ensemble which recently performed at Symphony Hall. The group has performed at the White House, Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy and Lincoln Centers. They have recorded for Angel and Golden Crest Records.

New England School of Law will honor The Hon. Elizabeth J. Dolan at a

reception on Tuesday. The honor of the dean's reception is given annually for an individual who has significantly contributed to the development and reformation of the school.

Judge Dolan, who graduated from Emmanuel College and New England School of Law, was in private legal practice before being named an associate justice of the probate court in 1976. At that time she was one of three women in the probate system.

Last fall she was sworn in as the third woman justice in the state's superior court system. She belongs to many professional groups, is a director of the Mass. Judges Conference and is a fellow of the Mass. Bar Association and the American Irish Foundation.

Paintings and sculptures by Kevin L. O'Brien of Florence avenue will be on display during February at the Boston City Hall. The exhibit, "The Form of High Energy," will be shown in the Human Rights Corridor, Second Floor, from 8 to 5 on week days.

Richard M. McSweeney Jr. of 12 Wyman st. received a \$500 New England Press Assn. scholarship at the group's recent annual convention. The 1974 Medford High School graduate, a Northeastern University journalism student, was cited for his achievement in journalism in school and on co-op work assignments.

He has been a reporter for the Lawrence Eagle Tribune in Lawrence, sports editor of the Lawpapper at Salem State College and is on the sports staff of the Northeastern News.

A new member of the Nu Theta Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, national honor society, at Framingham State College is Alice Marie Riley. The senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Riley of 93 Hemlock st., was one of five students honored. She is an Arlington High graduate.

Atty. William Irving of 101 Ridge st. has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the firm of Marciello & Irving, P.C., 100 Broadway, Somerville. Irving is in the general practice of law and is a member of the Day School faculty, Middlesex Community College, teaching constitutional law and criminal procedures courses.

A new company, Bit By Bit, "The Personal Computer Learning Center," has been started by Arlington residents Steve and Linda Adams of Webcowet road. They will be offering two classes in February for people who want to take the mystery and intimidation out of computers.

The classes will be exploring personal computers and an introduction to basic programming. Mr. Adams, who has a math degree from Tufts and experience with IBM, Control-Data and Data General, will teach the classes. They can be reached at home at night for information.

Susan M. Rudd, Associate Realtor, and Geno Giangrande, Realtor, of G & G Realty, 344 Mass. ave., have been awarded the 1979 Million Dollar Sales and Listing Award from the Mass. Association of Realtors. The award honors association members with combined residential sales and listings in excess of \$1 million.

The next time you buy wrapping paper or greeting cards made by Rust Craft, you may be buying a design by Arlington artist Gideon Cohen. Two of his paintings have been used for wrapping paper design.

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Open House

AEA Hot Line To Give AHS Course Information

The Arlington Education Association has established a Hot Line for parents of high school students to run from Feb. 4 to 12.

Arlington High students, grades 9 through 11, will receive the 1980-81 Program of Studies Booklet on Monday. In the event that parents would like further explanation of course descriptions, a teacher and/or department head will be available from each department on a designated day to answer questions.

Advice will not be given about which courses to take, but rather information will be provided about individual courses to aid parents in assisting their children in determining their schedules for school

year 1980-81. Students will select their courses on February 12.

Call the Hot Line at 646-4734 between 3:30 and 6 p.m. regarding information for the following:

Tuesday, Feb. 5: English, Performing Arts, Physical Education.

Wednesday, Feb. 6: Mathematics, General and Life Sciences, Physical Science.

Thursday, Feb. 7: Art Education, Business Education, Flexible Programs-Work Release.

Friday, Feb. 8: Classical Studies, Home Economics, Modern Foreign Languages.

Monday, Feb. 11: Occupational Education, Social & Behavioral Studies.

Students have the opportunity to discuss courses for the coming year with classroom teachers and guidance counselors, but parents may not always have such an opportunity. For this reason the Arlington Education Association and School Administration offer this Hot Line in support of the work guidance and administrators have done to ensure successful scheduling for all the high school students.

Parents are also invited to attend the open house on Wednesday evening at Arlington High School.

Library Plans

Rebus Contest For Children


The Junior Library of the main Robbins Library is holding a rebus contest during the month of February. A rebus is a story told using pictures instead of words in some places.

For example, a picture of an eye may be substituted for the word "eye" or its homonym, "I." A picture of a hand followed by the letters "s.o.m.e." would mean handsome.

Children are invited to make up their own rebuses and turn them in to the Junior Library by Feb. 23. The stories should be short - about one or two paragraphs. The most original rebuses will win prizes.

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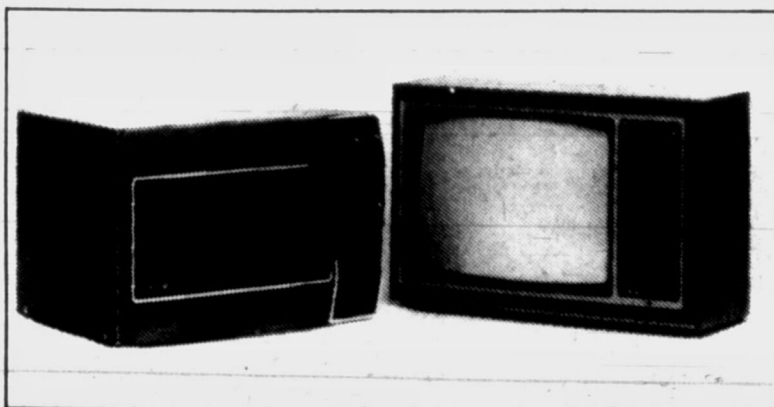
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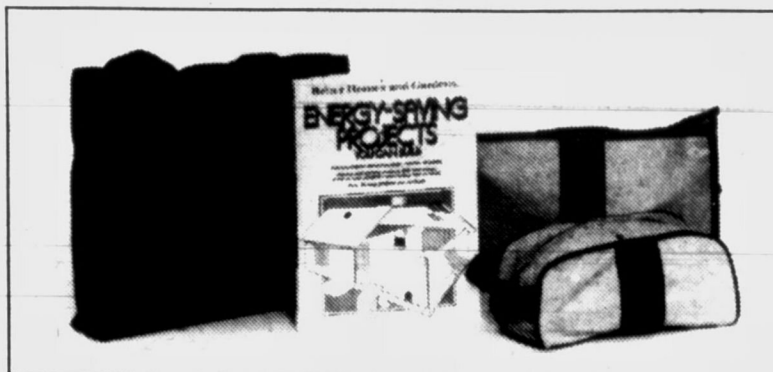


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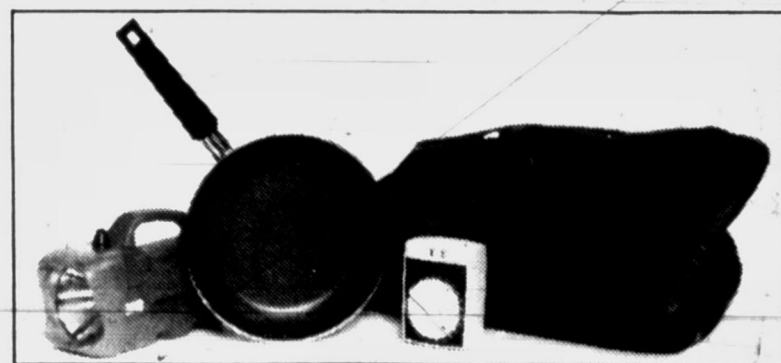
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Fundraising

Heart Fund Activities Will Involve All Ages

What do an Arlington Nursing home, a group of eighth graders, a high school student, council, the Jaycees and the Greater Boston Division of the American Heart Association have in common? Exercise.

Throughout February and March, several concerned Arlington groups will host a series of "Exercise-for-Your-Heart" activities to benefit the Heart Association. Funds raised will support heart research, professional and public education, and community service programs.

The Park Avenue Nursing Home, at 146 Park Ave. will kick-off the events with a Rock 'n' Roll Jamboree on Saturday, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Mary Dillon and Mrs. Phyllis Snowden, activities directors for the home, will be chairing the event. Youngsters in the community will collect donations as residents rock in rocking chairs and roll in wheel chairs as part of their exercise program.

In the past years, residents raised nearly \$500 but this year the goal is \$1,000. "We hope to see many of the kids in the area help us by collecting contributions for the Heart Association on behalf of our residents," says Mrs. Dillon.

The nursing home will have a "Guess the Number of Hearts" contest. Individuals may purchase a ticket for which they will get one guess. The winning guess will receive a dinner gift certificate for two at the Arlington Towne House Restaurant.

The Arlington Heart Teen, Mary Sullivan, 16, will be present at the nur-

sing home as well as a belly dancer and Joyce King who will lead a sing-along. Heart Sunday, the association's national door-to-door campaign, will be Feb. 10. Approximately 800 volunteers will be canvassing the area.

The eighth graders from St. Agnes' School will sponsor a Mini-Fair for Heart on Feb. 29. Theresa O'Reilly, a student at St. Agnes, is the chairperson who is working with the Jaycees on the event. The fair will be held at Fidelity House.

A dance marathon, hosted by the Arlington High School Student Council, will be held March 2 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Ottoson Junior High School. Students will collect pledges on a per hour basis from the community. A local band, Omega, made up of students Paul Dillon, Steve Mesropian, Steve McCarthy, Jim Tsakiris and Steve Pappas, has volunteered to perform during the event.

For more information, contact the American Heart Association at 112 Cypress St. in Brookline.

Titanic Classic Is Friday Movie

The movie "A Night To Remember" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library Friday at 2:30 and 7:30 in the classic film series "Oldies and Goodies."

This highly-acclaimed award winning film, based on the historical tragedy of the sinking of R.M.S. Titanic on her maiden voyage, stars Kenneth Moore. The story is adapted by Eric Ambler from the book by Walter Lord.



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On Sunday

Tubby The Tuba To Be Given At AIM Concert

Sue Ellen Kuzma and Peter Johnson will narrate "Tubby the Tuba," "Tubby the Tuba at the Circus," and "The Happy Prince" at Adventures in Music's third concert of the 1979-1980 season on Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m. at Lexington High School Auditorium.

Johnson is known to local audiences as Dirty Frank on Jabberwocky and is also heard regularly on WGBH's "The Spider's Web." Ms. Kuzma was director of the Young Audiences Opera Group for five years and has soloed at Symphony Hall and with the Handel and Haydn Society. Newton Wayland, Music Director for AIM, will conduct the orchestra.

Peewee and Tubby, both written by American composer George Kleinsinger, are upbeat stories about the piccolo, which has to play a solo and can't find one anywhere, and the tuba, never able to play a melody, which finally soars from frustration to triumph.

"The Happy Prince," also composed by Kleinsinger, is based on a short story by Oscar Wilde. It concerns a statue and a swallow which are both rich in visual detail will be presented with slides in the background made from drawings by Arlington students Jane Healy of Locke School and Jose Powell of Parmenter School and by students of neighboring towns.

Further information about this concert may be obtained by calling Hope Turner, 6 Parker Rd. or Barbara Weber, 11 Baker Rd.

Students from Arlington who would

like to participate in dance or mime during the last concert of the season on March 23 may audition for roles on Monday at 3:30 to 5:30 at Bowman School in Lexington.

No prior experience or training is necessary. Students will have the opportunity to work with professionals Lois Hoffman and Karen Mahoney. Ms. Hoffman has been choreographer for "Zoom" and "Catch A Rainbow" and Ms. Mahoney teaches music on the secondary level in Winchester. The dancers will perform to works of Aaron Copeland, in a story woven around a Mexican folk tale.

Feb. 6 Is Date For Open House At St. James

St. James School, 10 Acton St., will highlight its observance of National Catholic School Week with an open house and registration of new students on Wednesday from 8:15 to 11:10 a.m. at the school.

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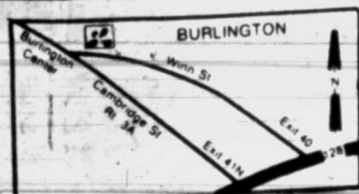
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2 Charged In Break Woman Mugged On Lafayette St.

An Arlington woman remains shaken after being mugged on Lafayette street early Friday, police say.

The 56-year-old woman was waiting for a ride to work about 6:15 a.m. when a napkin was stuffed in her mouth and she was knocked out. Police say the woman's handbag containing \$8 was stolen, along with two gold rings, a wrist watch, earrings and house keys.

According to police, as of Tuesday the woman remained too upset to give them details of the crime, but Police Services director John Carroll said an investigation was underway.

Police arrested two youths Sunday following investigation of a Milton street break-in that occurred Friday evening.

Seventeen-year-old Thomas A. Welch of 56 Mystic st. and 18-year-old Cameron G. Varney of 11 Paul Revere rd. were charged with breaking and entering a dwelling in the daytime and larceny over \$100.

The two, arrested at their homes Sunday night, have been arraigned and released on \$1,000 bail. The cases have been continued to a later date.

Police made three drunken driving arrests this week. A 41-year-old New Hampshire resident was arrested last Tuesday night at Symmes Hospital, a 27-year-old Waltham resident was arrested after his van hit a tree on Appleton street last Thursday, and a 29-year-old Arlington resident was arrested Saturday at the intersection of Warren and Medford streets.

Police arrested a 16- and a 17-year-old resident Friday on Mystic Lake drive for being minors in possession of alcohol. A 22-year-old resident was arrested Sunday morning at the intersection of Summer street and Oakhill drive for being disorderly.

Break-ins this week were reported on Mystic Valley Parkway, Cheswick road, Hamilton road, Addison street, Broadway, Lake street, Yerxa road, Washington street and Gardner street.

Items were reported stolen from cars on Dover street, revere street, Varnum

Live Oak Will Play, Show Slides At Calvary Church

An Arlington musical group, Live Oak, will sing and play hand made instruments at this Sunday's 10 a.m. service at Calvary United Methodist Church.

Following the morning service everyone is invited to a coffee time in Fellowship Hall for a slide show by Live Oak of their summer musical tour of Spain and France which was widely reported by European papers, including the international edition of the Paris based Herald Tribune.

The group hiked from city to city playing and singing in Spanish and French in old churches, in plazas, and on street corners. The slide presentation at Calvary Church will be the first for Live Oak. They are now scheduled for appearances and concerts in eastern cities.

The Calvary Church Choir, directed by Mary Vivian, will also sing during the service. The Communion Meditation by Pastor John Barclay will be "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

street, Magnolia street, Washington street, Orchard place, Hemlock street and Ridge street.

Vandals smashed 25 windows of the Scott Flowers greenhouses Friday night. Damage to the Forest street structures was estimated at \$150.

Vandals this week also damaged property at the Willow Launderette on Mass. ave., on Winter street, at Clothes Tree on Mass. ave., on Pine avenue, Academy street, Grove street, Brantwood road, Hamilton road and in the MBTA lot on Mass. ave.

Ice Follies Trip Is Scheduled For Local Families

Arlington Recreation invites Arlington residents to join in a family trip to Shipstad's and Johnson's Ice Follies on Feb. 20. A limited number of tickets are available for the 7:30 p.m. performance on that day.

The Recreation Division will provide transportation to and from BOSTON Garden. Buses will leave from the Sports Center parking lot at 6 p.m. and will return there after the performance. Participants must purchase their own tickets which are available at a group rate through the Recreation Office.

The price of each ticket is \$6 (\$8 regular price). The seats are located in the promenade and Loges side stadium and side balcony. The trip is designed to a family venture. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration and further information may be obtained at the Recreation Office, 422 Summer st. Reservations must be made no later than Jan. 31.

Women's Guild To Meet On Tuesday

The February meeting of the Women's Guild of Park Avenue Congregational Church will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. President Isabelle O'Brien will preside. Hostesses for refreshments will be Mrs. Dorothy Noring and Mrs. Lucille Curry.

A piano concert will be presented by Mrs. Alison Vannah. All members and friends are cordially invited.

Special Needs Parents Asked To Meet 14th

The Parents Advisory Committee for special needs is planning a Feb. 14 parent information and training night for Arlington parents who wish to learn more about their children's educational plans. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Central School.

Mary O'Brien from the Federation for Children With Special Needs, the parent of a special needs child, will discuss how to interpret an educational plan. Later in the meeting parent advocates will discuss individual education plans in small groups.

Parents are invited to bring their children's plans. For information contact the special education department at Central School or Louise Bugden, 79 Decatur st.

St. Agnes School Open House 5th

Open house will be held on Tuesday at St. Agnes School observes National Catholic Education Week.

Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. The afternoon kindergarten session will be open from 1:15 to 2:20 p.m.

Parents and friends are invited to visit special programs which have been planned at the different grade levels. One of the highlights will be a performance of "Pinnocchio" which will be given next Friday during the day for students and at night for parents. Theme of this year's national week is "The Catholic School—One of the Family."

Robbins Library Lists Saturday Kids' Activities

Saturday programs for school aged children in February at the main Robbins Library are as follows:

Feb. 2, filmstrips: "Happy Valentine," "Miss Ballantine," "Sleeping Beauty."

Feb. 9, craft program: Make and decorate Valentines.

Feb. 16, movies: "Band Concert," "Dot and the Line," "Perils of Priscilla."

Feb. 23, stuffed animal pet show. Children are invited to bring in their favorite stuffed animal for a special show.

All of these programs are free and open to the public. They begin at 10:30 and last 30-60 minutes.



'Equus'

Rehearsing for "Equus" which the Friends of the Drama will give from Feb. 7-10 are Glenn Ryan as Dysart and Mark Solari as Alan Strang.

Drama Friends

'Equus' To Run Feb. 7-10

The Friends of the Drama will present their third show of the 1979-80 season, "Equus" On Feb. 7-10 at their theatre, 22 Academy st., Arlington.

This popular psychological drama which met with rave reviews both on Broadway and in the Boston run stars Glenn Ryan as Dysart, the psychologist, and Mark Solari as Alan Strang, the young boy who is charged with the strange act of blinding six horses.

Arlington residents associated with the production are: Dorothy Rowell as the nurse and John Reed as one of the horses. Production staff includes Don Richardson as stage manager; Marian Horgan, makeup chairman; and

Lorraine Stevens, costume chairman. Others in the cast include: Ron Jensen, Miriam Adlerstein, Ann Fokett, Wendy Harper, Tom Champion, Russell Hamilton, Paul Bronk, Don Hutchison, Jim Hildebrand and Ken Stewart.

The play is directed by Harriet Ryan and Mary Allard is the production manager. Other production chairpeople are: Roger Fokett, David Goldstein, Mimi Arana, Bob Engelhardt, and Fred Cohen.

Tickets are available for the opening night performance on Feb. 7 at the Four Seasons Ticket Agency, 727 Mass. ave., Arlington.

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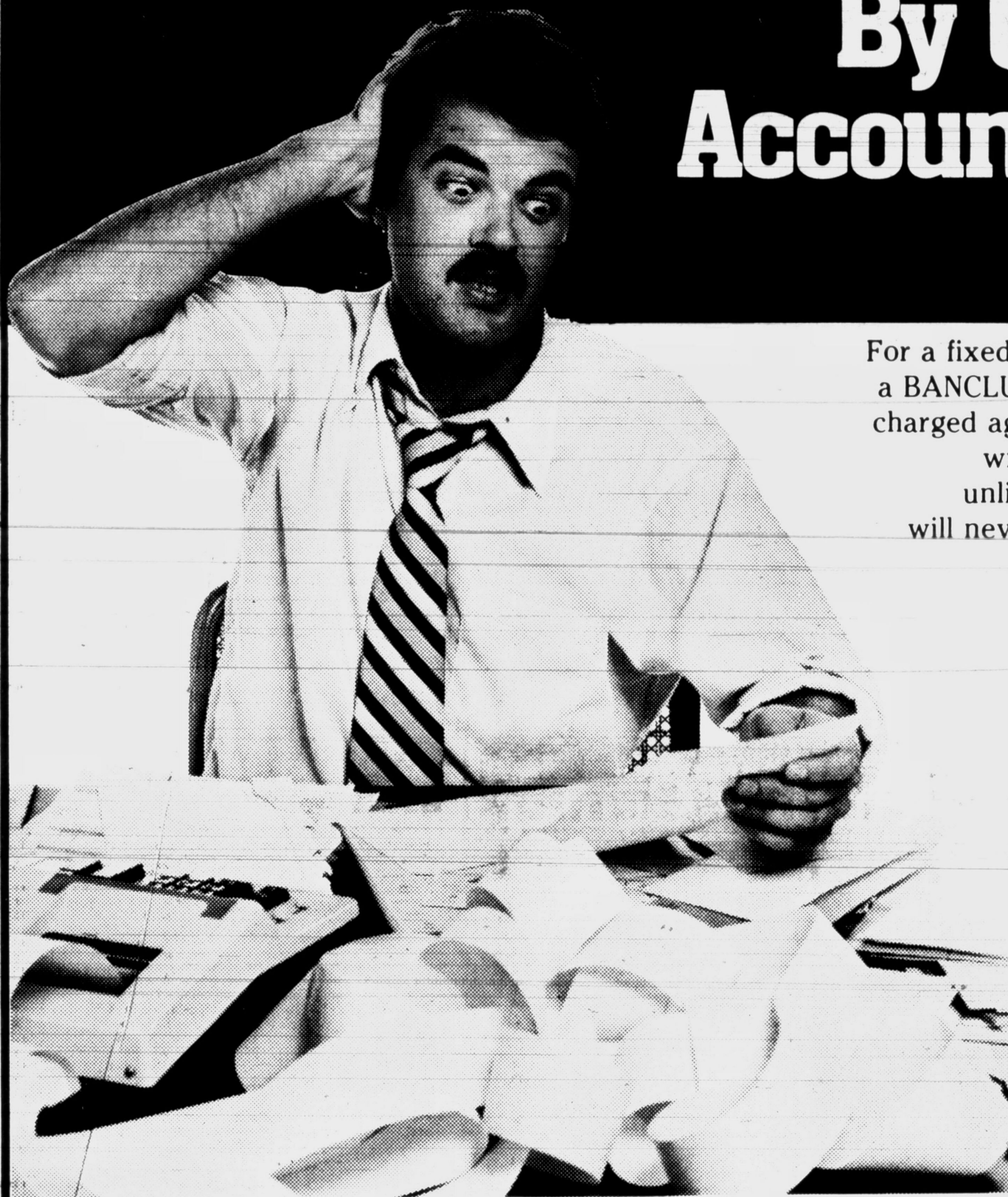
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Slight Increase

Board OK's Elementary Budget

The School Committee last Tuesday night approved a 1980-81 elementary school budget of almost \$4.5 million, an increase of \$62,061 from 1979-80.

The 6-3 vote, putting the elementary budget at \$4,488,720, came after a lengthy debate that ended with a decision to reduce the Stratton School staff by two instead of three.

Stratton principal Bernard R. Walsh had argued for limiting reductions to leave sufficient staff to help give special needs students regular classroom experience. "It was never intended that the specialist would replace the classroom teacher," Walsh said, adding that the specialist's role was to support the classroom teacher.

"Our commitment is to give quality education but not to separate Chapter 766 children from the mainstream," he said. Walsh urged the School Committee to stand by Special Education Department commitments to implement mainstreaming gradually to give teachers time to prepare. Cutting the Stratton staff by three instead of two would leave too few teachers to "effectively carry on direct and reverse mainstreaming projects for all five (special education) classes to be housed at Stratton," he said.

He defined reverse mainstreaming as having non-special needs students participate in special needs classes.

He added that recent and planned shifts of special needs students from Cutter School to Stratton made it especially important that Stratton not be understaffed.

After extended discussion among committeemen and administrators, including a suggestion by Committeewoman Linda Braun that teacher's aides from Northeastern University might be used to compensate for a teaching staff reduced by three, the committee simply voted to reduce the staff by two. Committee members Daniel Kelly Jr., James Lyons Jr. and Patricia Worden dissented.

The committee rejected a proposal by Worden to compensate for having an additional teacher by eliminating one full-time elementary librarian position and shifting another librarian to the high school.

As approved, the budget listed a reduction of one full-time position at Cutter School, 1.5 positions at Hardy, 2.5 at Parmenter and two at Thompson. The Dallin staff was increased by 4.5, the Peirce, by one.

In related news, Asst. Supt. of Business Jerry Houghton told the committee that thus far in the budget-making process, the total 1980-81 budget stood at \$16,066,396, an increase of 3.3 percent over the 1979-80 budget.

According to data supplied by administrative intern Gerald Missal, cuts amounting to \$450,895, combined with salary hikes of \$881,423, had put the total increase at \$430,528. The latter figure rose to \$520,528 when including a Chapter 766 tuition increase of \$90,000.

Missal said the School Department

had nearly doubled the amount of budget cuts made last year.

In a report to the School Committee, Asst. Supt. Houghton recently praised administrative analyst John Broderick for saving the School Department \$2,279 in 1979.

The savings was the result of an intensive review of telephone charges and an inventory of telephone equipment, Houghton said. He added that the savings

Incumbent

Marion Hunt Is Candidate For Republican Committee

Republican State Committeewoman Marion Hunt is a candidate for reelection to the Massachusetts Republican State Committee in the 4th Middlesex Senatorial District which includes Arlington, Lexington, Winchester and Woburn.

Mrs. Hunt has been general chairman of the last four Republican Pre-Primary State Conventions, the only woman to have held this position. She is an executive board member of the State Committee and District Division Chairman. She was elected to the Republican Electoral College in 1972.

She is a long time member of the Lexington Republican Town Committee and is president of the Women's Republican Club of Lexington.

She is a member of both Massachusetts and National Federations of Republican Women, and was a delegate to the biennial convention of the National Federation held in September 1979.

She is a member of the Republican Issues Committee sub-committee on the administration of health care and has been a delegate to many pre-primary conventions.

She is a member of the Massachusetts Republican Club and the Middlesex Club.

Mrs. Hunt's former public offices include terms on a school committee, town recreation committee, and library board of trustees.

She attended the last three Republican National Conventions. Mrs. Hunt says she has worked hard to support the Republican Party and to help elect its candidates. She feels that her continued presence on the State Committee has lent stability to the committee when some committee members resigned before their terms were completed.

By special invitation extended to only a few people in each state, Mrs. Hunt attended Republican National Leadership Conferences in Washington, D.C. Conferees were addressed by the President of the United States, Vice President, Cabinet officers, and the State Department. Also workshops were

would be repeated annually.

Broderick was assigned to the department by the town's Manpower Division, a federally-funded program.

Addressing the committee at the Tuesday night meeting, Student Advisory Council member John Ronan urged the continuation of the Arlington Outdoor Education program. The program, an alternative to traditional

physical education classes, is led by Paul Masi.

Ronan said the School Department "could ill afford to lose Masi's dedication and talents."

In another matter, Committeeman Daniel Kelly Jr. rejected charges made in an Arlington Education Association newsletter that his affiliation with the Cambridge School System had influenced the hiring of Thompson principal William Hurley, a former member of that system.

The "Reflector" column had indicated that Kelly's influence had resulted in the hiring of an outsider instead of someone from within the Arlington system. Kelly said that people within Arlington who had been on screening committees that recommended Hurley obviously didn't feel the Arlington candidates were as qualified.

Kelly added that two of the last four principals hired had been from Arlington schools.

Committeeman James Lyons assailed the anonymous author of the column for his or her cowardice.

Leading off the meeting's public discussion section, Joan L. Banks, negotiating chairperson for the Arlington Assn. of Educational Secretaries, announced that her bargaining unit was rejecting the committee's latest proposal.

She said the unit's vote to reject the offer reflected the desire to agree with the School Department Negotiating Committee request for a lower percentage raise with the longevity clause already proposed by her unit.

Banks said that while the maintenance staff, bus drivers, cafeteria staff and other workers paid by the School Department have annual longevity included in their contracts, her bargaining unit didn't. "We are the only non-professional staff employed by the School Committee who do not receive longevity," she said.

On another topic, the committee approved a recommendation by Supt. Gibbs that the department participate in a dental health survey being carried out by the state Department of Public Health.

The survey, to be done with a random selection of students at all grade levels, will try to determine the current levels of dental disease in MDC school children. The survey also will establish baseline statistics for tooth decay to help evaluate the recent fluoridation of MDC water supplies.

The workshop is designed to provide information about career opportunities in the machine trades industry. Participants will include junior and senior high school guidance counselors from each of the school systems within the Minuteman Regional District. In addition, the science, mathematics, and industrial arts departments of the participating schools have been asked to send one representative from each of their respective departments.

The Minuteman District Career Education Committee is sponsoring a career workshop in conjunction with representatives of the machine trades industry. The workshop will be held on Wednesday from 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Lexington.

Members of the Minuteman District Career Education Committee include Ray Civilli and Ralph Gioiosa of Arlington High School and Rosemary McPhee of Belmont High School.

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From 10-2

Open House Saturday At Minuteman Tech

Minuteman Tech's annual open house will be Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The open house marks the beginning of the period during which applications for admission in September 1980 will be accepted from current eighth graders as well as from high school graduates and other adults who wish to receive job training.

Minuteman Tech also accepts a limited number of students who wish to enter grades 10 and 11, on a space available basis. Preference for placement in all shops is given to students who enter Minuteman Tech as freshmen in the ninth grade, according to Director of Admissions William Hayward.

Admissions and guidance personnel will be available at the open house to provide information for prospective students.

Minuteman Tech provides vocational-technical training for men and women in 25 career areas: Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, Building Construction, Cabinetmaking, Commercial Art, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Computer Programming, Drafting, Electrical, Electronics, Medical Assistant, Child Care, Heating-Ventilation-Air Conditioning, Horticulture, Machine Shop,

Packaging Technology, Plastics, Plumbing, Printing, Radio and TV Repair, Retailing-Merchandising, Fluid Power, Technology and Welding.

The training offered at Minuteman Tech is free, since the school is a tax-supported public high school.

Academics at Minuteman Tech include a full range of high school and college prep courses in English, history, mathematics and the sciences, plus Spanish, music, art, physical education, business courses, photography and driver education. Faculty members will be present at the open house to provide information about all programs.

Minuteman Tech is located at 758 Marrett Rd., (Route 2A, in Lexington, just west of Route 128 near Minute Man National Park. It serves students and adults from Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Lancaster, Lexington, Lincoln, Sudbury, Stow, Wayland and Weston.

Preschool Skaters Invited To Class

Arlington Recreation is registering children for the final session of preschool skating classes. Five classes for youngsters ages 4 and 5 will be conducted at the Veteran's Memorial Sports Center.

Participants must wear single blade skates and helmets. Each class will meet for five weeks. Classes will begin Feb. 12 and 15.

Classes are scheduled as follows: Wednesdays, 10 - 10:45 or 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Fridays, 10 - 10:45 or 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. or 1 - 2 p.m.

Registration for the classes is underway at the Recreation Office, 422 Summer St. All registration is on a first come basis. A minimal fee is charged.

Nutrition, Weaning To Be Discussed

Nutrition for nursing mothers and their families, and weaning the nursing baby will be the topics for discussion at the Tuesday meeting of the Arlington chapter of the La Leche League, to be held at the home of Bernadette Griffin, 59 Thorndike St., at 8 p.m.

This is the last in the winter series of meetings. The La Leche League sponsors continuing series of informal discussions on topics of interest to nursing mothers, as well as maintaining a library on birth and child care. League leaders are available by telephone for advice on nursing and infant care. Elaine Donaghy is Arlington leader.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Pleasant Street Congregational Church. James Fish, Robbins Library director, will show slides and speak on library services.

Youth Gymnastics To Start Monday

Youth gymnastics instruction will be given at the Arlington Boys' Club starting on Monday. The class is open to all members of the club between the ages of 7 to 14 years.

Covered in the program will be tumbling, balancing, work on the side horse, spring board, the balance beam, rings and the uneven parallel bars. Boys' Club staff member Steve Catalano will be teaching the class.

The program will meet twice each week on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 5:45-6:30. There are eight lessons in all. Spaces are limited. Registration in advance is recommended.

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